

“Compass” Timbers

“Compass” timbers are naturally curved sections of trees, cut and used in ship construction where they are called “breast hooks” in the bow and “transom wings” (upper left) in the stern . Each “hook” or “wing” is one enormous piece of a live oak. Transom wings, aft magazine; NHHC Det. Boston, 2012



Live Oak, St. Simons Island, GA; NHHC Det. Boston, 2010



Timber Merchant's Guide...Peter Guillet (1823) (Left & below)

